

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended): An apparatus, comprising:

a central stage;

a movable frame disposed around the central stage; and

a fixed frame disposed around the movable frame, the central stage coupled to the movable frame with a first flexure and a second flexure, the movable frame coupled to the fixed frame with a third flexure and a fourth flexure, wherein the central stage and the movable frame are capable of decoupled motion;

a first blade coupled to a bottom of the central stage, the first blade residing beneath a bottom plane of the central stage and extending perpendicularly from the bottom plane of the central stage;

a second blade coupled to a bottom of the movable ~~stage~~frame, the second blade residing beneath a bottom plane of the movable ~~stage~~frame and extending perpendicularly from the bottom plane of the central stage.

24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 2423, wherein the second blade and the first blade have a substantially constant gap between them in an actuation direction.

26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the first blade is configured to move relative to the second blade along a range and wherein a distance between the first blade and the second blade is maintained substantially constant throughout the range of motion.

28. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the movable frame is pivotally coupled to the central stage using the first and second flexures.

29. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the fixed frame forms a cavity and wherein the third and fourth flexures suspend the movable frame in the cavity.

30. (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the movable frame comprises:

- a main body coupled to the third flexure;
- an end bar coupled to the first flexure; and
- a support member coupled between the main body and the end bar.

31. (original): The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the support member is coupled to the main body at a non-perpendicular angle.

32-105. (canceled)

106. (previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

- a central stage;

- a movable frame disposed around the central stage; and

- a fixed frame disposed around the movable frame, the central stage coupled to the movable frame with a first flexure, the movable frame coupled to the fixed frame with a second flexure, the first flexure comprising a first plurality of torsion beams, wherein the central stage and the movable frame are capable of decoupled motion, wherein the movable frame comprises:

 - a main body coupled to the second flexure;

 - an end bar coupled to the first flexure; and

 - a support member coupled between the main body and the end bar,

- wherein the support member is constructed from a material of differing expansion than a material of the main body.

107-119. (canceled)

120. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the first, second, third, and fourth flexures each comprise a pair of torsion beams.

121. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the first, second, third, and fourth flexures each comprise a pair of parallel torsion beams